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*A true Lover of Old-Time
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

AS most of the articles of household furniture and furnishing in the early Colonial days were of home manufacture the names of practically all of the earliest native craftsmen are entirely unknown today. The few exceptions are those who found employment for themselves in supplying the needs of others in the larger towns and a precious few who marked the things they made. Silverware being the chief luxury of the time it was marked by those who made it probably from the very first; consequently the list of Connecticut silversmiths (based upon Curtis's list in his excellent "Early Connecticut Silver") is the most extensive presented. Among them are a number of men who will be found working also in other trades — pewterers, clock-makers, comb-makers and the like. In fact almost every early craftsman was, in a sense, a "jack of all trades," combining various callings in order to eke out a precarious living. Many of them, of course, worked in their homes, either in an ell directly connected with the house, or in a separate building on the home grounds.

Stonington, Mystic and New London having been three of the most important of the whaling ports in the last century, considerable quantities of objects of use and ornament in ivory, whale-bone and like material, the "scrimshaw" work of returning crews, must have been distributed from those places. Delicately carved and engraved, no negligible portion of these things are really of definite artistic merit. It is, however, unfortunately

quite impossible to discover the identity of a single known practitioner of this curious and charming craft, which originated in and flourished upon our sailing ships in the great days of the American merchant marine. The irony of Fate, it seems, persuaded some to add their names on whales' and sharks' teeth, which they took a particular delight in covering with emblems, figures and scenes according to their fancy—never on any of those other objects of surprising and singular beauty which they fashioned.

Pewter was in general use in colonial times, and silver tankards and beakers in the homes of the wealthy planters of good family. Rings and ear-rings were common as were shoes with silver and brass buckles, and watches from 1655. Cocked hats were worn in 1670 and the three-cornered cocked hat from 1732 to 1779. Wheeled carriages were first used about 1750.

It is now a forgotten fact that so long ago as 1811 one Charles Reynolds of East Windsor took out a patent for propelling carriages by steam.

The first American tinsmith was Edward Pattison of Berlin, working in 1750, and the first records we have of the manufacture of wearing apparel of silk in this country are of 1791-2. In 1792 the Rev. Dr. Stiles of Connecticut was shown a silk gown belonging to the Rev. Dr. Atwater of Brandford and made throughout in his own family. In the former year the Rev. Dr. Stiles saw silk stockings woven in Norwich, weighing 2½ ounces, made at Northfield.

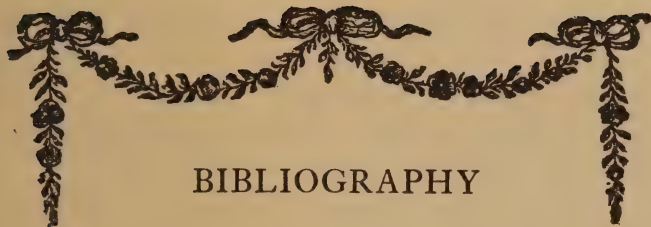
The lists included here cover the period from 1600 to 1875, with the exception of that of the Printers, which extends only to 1830, or about the date when the publication of the New England Primer was discontinued.

Of the work of many of those whose names appear in the various lists no identified examples are known to exist today. However, as perhaps nine-tenth of all the early furniture, iron, tin, brass and copper ware, and many of the early portraits, miniatures, etc., as well as much of the early silver is unmarked,

it is reasonable to presume that specimens of the handiwork of practically all are still extant. These lists have been compiled in the hope that they may help collectors and others in identifying the makers of various objects of antiquarian interest presumably of Connecticut origin.

I should appreciate very highly information of signed works by Connecticut artists and craftsmen, and the names of any additional workers, which do not appear in the following lists.

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Westport, Connecticut.*



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ARCHITECTS AND HOUSE BUILDERS

We are fortunate in having preserved today the identity of the architects and builders of some of the earliest Connecticut houses, the characteristics of which, as they were modified by development, resulted in a type known locally as the "salt-box," a name suggested by its shape and proportions. It is worth while to record that in all the years since no more satisfactory design of national origin has been invented. The simple interior layout permits of innumerable variations in subdivision and allows of the installing of modern heating and plumbing without sacrifice either of original features or the material permanence and strength of the structure.

CLARK, NICHOLAS	Working 1635	Hartford
ELDERKIN, JOHN	Working 1651	New London
HOADLEY, DAVID	b. 1774, d. 1839	Waterbury
STEEL, JOHN	Working before 1650	Hartford
STILES, FRANCIS	Working 1635	Windsor
WILSON, ROBERT	Working before 1650	Hartford

BOOKBINDERS

BOLLES & WALLACE	Working 1837	Hartford
COOKE, OLIVER D.	Working 1802	Hartford
DORMAN, O. A.	Working 1831	New Haven
DORUS, CLARK	Working 1845	New Haven
GOODWIN, GEORGE & SONS	Working 1817	Hartford
SELLECK, A.	Working 1847	Norwalk

CARPENTERS AND FURNITURE MAKERS

Several distinctive local forms in furniture are associated with the early history of Connecticut. Perhaps the most highly treasured of these pieces are the Guilford and Sunflower chests, the former of which date from the late 17th and early 18th century. The latter were popular in the last quarter of the 17th century. The Guilford chest, which originated and is frequently found in the vicinity of that town, is painted. The Sunflower chest, so named from the carvings of the blossoms thereon, originated and is still found near Hartford.

As the home of the Hitchcock chair, Connecticut has to its credit a type of house furniture that persists in favor after a lapse of something more than a century. A number of early makers of Windsor chairs are included, discovered through advertisements in old newspapers and in contemporary Directories.

ALFORD & Co.	Working 1843-	Hitchcocks-ville
Successors to Hitchcock, Alford & Co., and makers of chairs of the "Hitchcock" type.		

ALLEN, JOEL	b. 1755, d. 1825	Working in Middletown, 1790
Carpenter.		

ANDREWS, WILLIAM		New Haven
Carpenter.		

BOYKIN, JAMES		Kent
Carpenter.		

CAMP	Working about 1835	Robertville
Maker of chairs similar in general appearance to the "Hitchcock" chair.		

CARRINGTON, JOHN	Working early 17th century	Wethersfield
Carpenter. Executed for Witchcraft in 1651.		

CHAPIN, AARON	b. 1753, d. 1835	Hartford
Cabinet Maker.		

DISBROWE, NICHOLAS	b. 1612, d. 1683	Hartford
Cabinet Maker.		

ELDERKIN, JOHN Carpenter.	Working 1651	New London and Norwich
FRINK, JOHN Carpenter.	Working 1668	Stonington
GORHAM, SAMUEL Cabinet Maker.		Westport
HARRIS, WILLIAM, JR. Made Windsor chairs.	Working 1788	New London
HEWS, ALPHEUS Made Windsor chairs.	Working 1787	New Haven
HITCHCOCK, LAMBERT The originator of the "Hitchcock" chair, during the period 1826-1828 stenciled at the back "L. Hitchcock, Hitchcocks-ville, Conn."	Working 1818-1828	Hitchcocks-ville
HITCHCOCK, ALFORD & Co. Successors to Lambert Hitchcock, who was the senior member of the firm. Their chairs (of the "Hitchcock" type) were marked "Hitchcock, Alford & Co."	Working 1829-1843	Hitchcocks-ville
HOLMES & ROBERTS Makers of chairs similar in style to the "Hitchcock" chair.	Working about 1830	Colebrook
HURLBUTT, TAYLOR Cabinet Maker.		Westport
PANTRY, WILLIAM Carpenter.		Hartford
STILES, FRANCIS Carpenter.	Working 1635	Windsor
STACKBONE, STACY Made Windsor chairs.	Working 1786	Hartford
UNION CHAIR CO. Made chairs of the "Hitchcock type."	Working early 19th century	West Winsted

CLOCK MAKERS

The fathers of the clock making industry in the American colonies were citizens of the ancient province of Connecticut and the state always has led and continues to lead in the manufacture of clocks and other time-pieces. Thomas Harland of Norwich, who died in 1807, taught the trade to Eli Terry, and the latter, who in 1814 invented the wooden shelf-clock, revolutioned the industry. Joseph Ives of Bristol invented the metal clock in 1815. The earlier clocks were entirely of wood, works, cases and dials, though the hands were generally of pewter, iron or other handwrought metal. Many sets of the early works were later discarded for those of metal, though it is possible that a few sets of handmade works of pewter and brass antedate by many years the invention of the metal clock.

ANSONIA BRASS Co.		Ansonia
ATKINS, ALDEN A.	Mantel Clock maker	Bristol
ATKINS & PORTER	Mantel Clock makers	Bristol
AVERY, JOHN	b. 1732, d. 1794	Preston
BALCH, EBENEZER	b. 1723, d. 1808	Hartford and Wethersfield
BARNES, THOMAS	Working end of 18th century	Litchfield
BELL, RICHARD		Middlesex now Darien
BIRGE, MALLORY & Co.		Bristol
BISHOP & BRADLEY		Watertown
BLACKMAN, JOHN STARR	b. 1777, d. 1851	Danbury
BLAKSLEE, ZIBA	b. 1768, d. 1825	Newtown
BOARDMAN, CHAUNCEY		Bristol
BOARDMAN & WELLS		Bristol
BREWER, CHARLES	b. 1778, d. 1860	Middletown

BURNAP, DANIEL	b. 1760, d. 1838	Hartford, East Windsor and Coventry
BREWSTER & INGRAHAMS	Working about 1820	Bristol
CHENEY, BENJAMIN	Working about 1780	Manchester
CHENEY, OLCOTT Mantel Clock maker.	Working 1820	Middletown
CLARK, DANIEL		Waterbury
CLARK, JOSEPH	d. 1821	Danbury
CLARK, HERMAN (Successor of Eli Terry).	Working 1807	Plymouth
COOK, ZENAS		Waterbury
CURTIS, LEWIS	b. 1774, d. 1845	Farmington
DOOLITTLE, AMOS	Working 1748-1810	New Haven
DOOLITTLE, ENOS	Working 1772	Hartford
DUNBAR, BUTLER		Bristol
FORESTVILLE CLOCK Co.	Working 1830 Made many "Acorn" clocks.	Forestville
GILBERT, WM. L. & Co.	Working 1862	Winchester
GILBERT, W. L. CLOCK Co.		Winsted
HANKS, BENJAMIN	Working 1778-83 Invented self-winding air clock about 1783.	Windham and Litchfield
HARLAND, THOMAS	b. 1735, d. 1807 Taught Eli Terry the trade of clock making.	Norwich
HARRISON, JAMES	Working 1790-1800	Waterbury
HARRISON, LEMUEL	Working 1800	
HITCHCOCK, ELISHA, JR.	Mantel Clock maker	Burlington
HOADLEY, SILAS	b. 1786, d. 1870 Working with Eli Terry and Seth Thomas at Plymouth, 1809-1849.	Plymouth and Waterbury
HOPKINS, ASA	Working early 18th century	Litchfield and Northfield

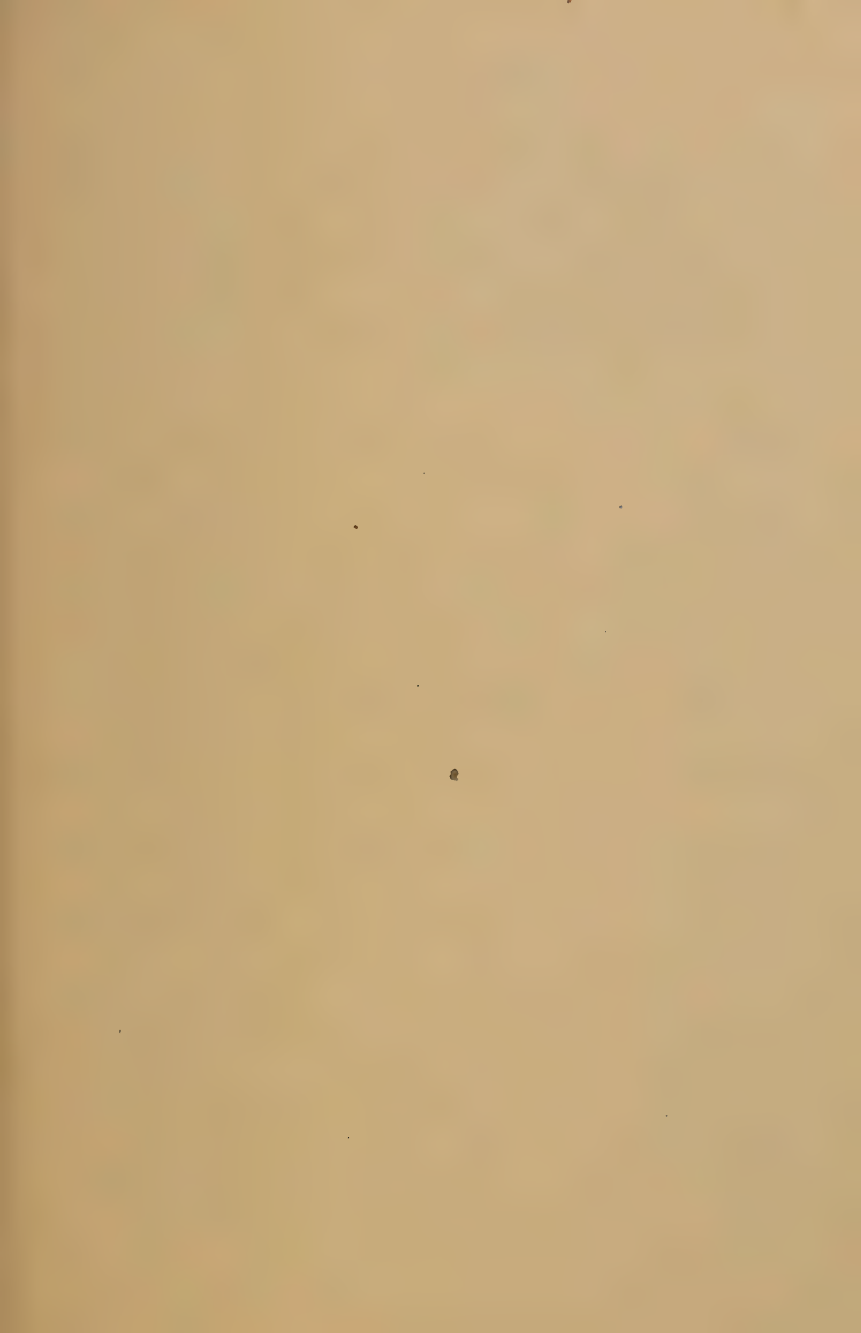


PARLOR MANTEL CLOCK

*Made by the Terryville Manufacturing Co.
Patented October 5th, 1852*

HOPKINS & LEWIS		Litchfield
HOTCHKISS, HEZEKIAH (?)	d. 1761	New Haven
INGRAHAM & Co., E. H.	Mantel Clock makers	Bristol
IVES, C. & L. C.	Working early 19th century	Bristol
IVES, JOSEPH	Invented metal clock 1818	Bristol
JEROME, CHAUNCEY	b. 1793, d. 1870	Bristol and New Haven
JEROME & DARROW		Bristol
JEROME, NOBLE	Working 1839	Bristol
KEARNEY, HUGH & Co.	Working 1820	Wolcott-Ville
KIRK, CHARLES	Working 1823	Bristol
LEAVENWORTH, MARK	Made patent shelf clock	Waterbury
LEAVENWORTH, COL. WM.	Working 1810	Waterbury
LEWIS, LEVI		Bristol
MANROSS, ELISHA	Mantel Clock maker	Bristol
MANROSS, GILBERT	Mantel Clock maker	Winsted
MANROSS, PRICHARD & Co.		Bristol
MARSH, GILBERT & Co.	Mantel Clock makers, 1820	Farmington
MERRIMAN, SILAS	Working about 1790	Litchfield
MERRIMAN, DR. TITUS		Bristol
MYGATT, COMFORT STARR	b. 1763, d. 1823	Danbury
MYGATT, DAVID	b. 1777, d. 1822	Danbury
NEW HAVEN CLOCK Co.	Made mantel clocks	New Haven
NORTH, NORRIS	Working 1820	Torrington
PECK, TIMOTHY	Working about 1790	Litchfield
PORTER, WILLIAM		Waterbury
REED, ISAAC	b. 1746	Stamford

RICH, JOHN		Bristol
ROBERTS, GIDEON	Made wooden clocks about 1800	
ROBERTS, T. M.	Mantel Clock maker	Bristol
SANFORD, ISAAC	Working 1785	Hartford
SARGENT, JACOB	b. 1761, d. 1843	Hartford
SHIPMAN, NATHANIEL	b. 1764, d. 1853	Norwich
SMITH, HENRY C.	Mantel Clock maker	Plymouth
STOW		Southington
TERRY, ELI	b. 1772, d. 1853	Plymouth and Terryville
Invented wooden shelf clock 1814. Commenced the manufacture of clocks by waterpower for wholesale trade at Plymouth in 1802.		
TERRY, ELI, JR.	Working 1826	Plymouth
THOMAS, SETH	b. 1785, d. 1859	Plymouth Hollow
WATERBURY CLOCK CO.		Waterbury
WELCH, E. N.	b. 1809, d. 1887	Mantel Clock maker Forestville
WELCH, E. N. CLOCK CO.	Working 1864	Forestville
Organized by E. N. Welch, 1864.		
WHITE, PEREGRINE	b. 1747, d. 1834	Woodstock
WHITING, RILEY	Working 1808-1835	Winchester and Winsted



COMB MAKERS

The making of ivory combs in this country seems to have originated in Connecticut and at the end of the eighteenth century was a flourishing industry in Hartford and Saybrook. They evidently continued to find a ready market until toward the end of the first quarter of the nineteenth century and were probably supplanted at that period by those of celluloid or other composition, just as they had earlier displaced the more expensive ones of silver.

PRATT, NATHAN	b. 1772, d. 1842	Essex
Maker of ivory combs.		
PRATT, NATHAN, JR.	b. 1802	Essex
Maker of ivory combs.		
SPENCER, GEORGE	b. 1787, d. 1878	Essex
Made ivory combs in Deep River in later life.		
PRATT, EZRA	Working about 1794	Hartford
Maker of ivory combs.		
PRATT, ELISHA	Working about 1794	Hartford
Maker of ivory combs.		
PRATT, ABEL	Working about 1798	Saybrook
Maker of ivory combs.		
LORD, ANDREW	Working about 1789	Saybrook
The first maker of ivory combs in America.		
MERRIAM & COLLINS	Working 1819	Meriden
Makers of ivory combs.		
HOWARD, PRATT & Co.	Working 1822	Meriden
Makers of ivory combs.		
MOSS, MOSES	Working 1809	Farmington
STANLEY, TIMOTHY	Working 1809	Southington
JONES, NATHANIEL	Working 1809	Southington
WILLIAMS, DAVID 3D	Working 1810	Hartford
Maker of horn and tortoise shell combs.		

ENGRAVERS

At least two of the old Connecticut engravers must be included among the most proficient in the American colonies. Anyone who is familiar with Jocelyn's maps and Doolittle's historical views will appreciate the truth of this statement. Compared with their productions those of the patriot, Paul Revere, seem like the work of a child. Even the portrait of Washington by the youthful Samuel Danforth compares favorably with Revere's plates. The silversmiths should be mentioned here also as producing some of the finer early engraving — with which they decorated the objects that came from their hands. The engravings of Asaph Willard of Connecticut scenes from drawings by J. W. Barber are also deserving of special attention.

ALLEN, JOEL	b. 1755, d. 1825	Southington and Middletown
ALLEN, LUTHER	b. 1780, d. 1821	
BRUNTON, RICHARD	Working late 18th century	Suffield and Granby
CHENEY, JOHN	b. 1801, d. 1885	South Manchester
CHENEY, SETH WELLS	b. 1810, d. 1856	East Hartford and South Manchester
DANFORTH, MOSELY ISAAC	b. 1800, d. 1862	Hartford 1818 and New Haven 1821
DANFORTH, SAMUEL	b. Sept. 7, 1770	
DOOLITTLE, AMOS	b. 1754, d. 1832	Cheshire and New Haven
FAIRCHILD, LOUIS	b. 1800, d. after 1840	Farmington
FAIRMAN, GIDEON	b. 1774, d. 1827	Hartford
HARTFORD GRAPHIC & BANK NOTE CO.	Working 1817	Hartford

JOCELYN, NATHANIEL	b. 1796, Working 1817	Hartford
KIMBERLEY, DENNISON	b. 1814, d. after 1862	Guilford, Hartford 1862 and Manchester
PEASE, JOSEPH IVES	b. 1809, d. 1883	Norfolk, Hartford and Salisbury
PEASE, RICHARD H.	b. 1813, d. after 1869	
Brother of Joseph Ives Pease.		
PELTON, OLIVER	b. 1799, d. 1882	Hartford about 1825
REED, ABNER	b. 1771, d. 1866	East Windsor 1811, and Hartford 1803-11
REED & STILES	Working 1821-25	Hartford
SANFORD, ISAAC	Working 1783	Hartford
STILES, SAMUEL	b. 1796, d. 1861	Hartford, 1821-25
TISDALE, ELKANAH	b. about 1771, d. after 1834	Hartford, 1799-1825
WILLARD, ASAPH	Working 1819 to 1828	Hartford
The instructor of Fairchild, Kimberley and John Cheney.		

GLASS WORKERS

Some of the most highly esteemed of our early American flasks were made here during the last century. The productions of the Pitkin, New London, Westford and Willington glass works comprise the larger proportion of the finest Connecticut glass.

NEW LONDON GLASS WORKS	Working before 1860	New London
PITKIN GLASS WORKS	Working 1783-1830	Manchester
SMITH, SHERMAN	Working 1845	New Haven
STEBBINS, THOMAS	Working 1813-1823	Coventry
STEBBINS & CHAMBERLAIN Co.	Working 1824-1848	Coventry
THAMES GLASS WORKS	Working after 1860	New London
WESTFORD GLASS Co.	Working 1857-1873	Westford, Town of Ashford
WILLINGTON GLASS WORKS	Working until 1872	West Willington

LITHOGRAPHERS

The work of the few early native lithographers is neither very extensive nor very noteworthy. While it is true that some of the productions of the Kelloggs particularly are really creditable performances for what might be called "provincial" artists and craftsmen, they do not compare favorably with contemporary work done in Boston and New York.

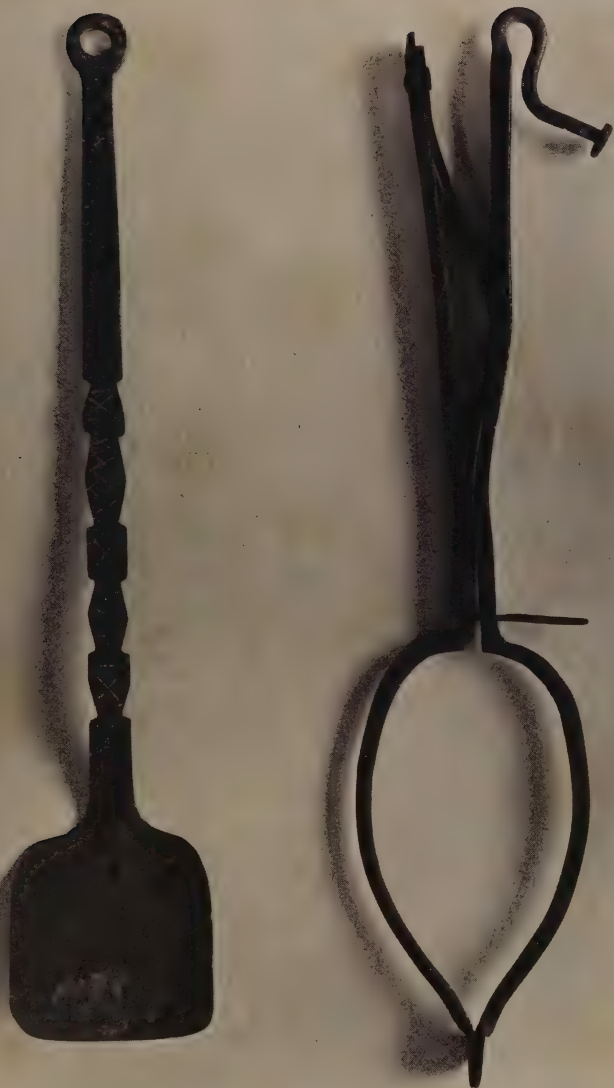
BINGHAM, DODD & Co.	Working 1861	Hartford
BUFFORD, J. H.	Working 1845-50	
D. W. KELLOGG & Co.	Working 1834	Hartford
KELLOGG, E. B. & E. C.	Working 1846-60	Hartford

METAL WORKERS IN IRON, TIN, BRASS, Etc.

The early blacksmith beside shoeing horses made the fireplace furnishings, betty lamps, hinges, scissors and other articles of household use too numerous to enumerate. It is only the earliest handwrought ironware, however, that has any real æsthetic value. With the beginning of iron casting practically all of the individuality of objects in iron passed away forever. Brass and copper workers made pots, kettles, warming pans, etc., and tinsmiths turned out betty lamps and other objects. Once in a while pieces in different metals are found bearing the maker's name. I know of one wafer-iron with a maker's name and there are doubtless many other signed objects of which I have no first-hand knowledge. The first brass lamp designed to use whale oil of which there is a record was made by hand in 1807 in Waterbury.

HAYDEN, HIRAM Brass worker.	Working early 19th century	Waterbury
HIGBY, JOSEPH Blacksmith.	Working 1727	Granby
JARVIS, SAMUEL Blacksmith.	Working about 1742	Stamford
JOHNSON, IRA A. Maker of gun-locks.	Working 1864	Middletown
MANN, ALEXANDER Gun maker.	b. 1777	Middletown
PARMLEE, ABEL Bell founder.	Working 1736	New Haven
PATTISON, EDWARD The earliest American tinsmith.	Working 1750-75	Berlin
PATTISON, WILLIAM Tinsmith.	Working 1750	Berlin

PELTOR, F. W. & O. Z.	Working 1864	Middletown
Makers of Britannia ware.		
PORTER, ABEL & Co.	Working 1816	Waterbury
Makers of brass, silver and plated ware.		
SADD, HERVEY	b. 1776, d. 1840	New Hartford
Maker of iron stoves, pots and kettles.		
SCOVILLE & Co.	Working 1840	Waterbury
Makers of metal buttons.		
SCOVILLE, J. M. L. & W. H.	Working 1840	Waterbury
Makers of rolled and plated metal ware.		
SCOVILLE MFG. CO.	Working 1850	Waterbury
Makers of brass, silver and plated ware.		
STAR, NATHAN	Working 1826	Middletown
Sword maker.		
WALWORTH, DANIEL	b. 1760, d. 1830	New Haven
Brass and copper worker.		
WARD, JAMES	b. 1768, d. 1856	Guilford and Hartford
Brass and copper worker.		
WARD, WILLIAM	b. 1705, d. 1761	Guilford
Iron worker.		
WATERBURY BRASS CO.	Working 1864	Waterbury
Makers of brass and copper ware, kettles, pots, etc.		
ALLEN, JOEL	b. 1755, d. 1825	Middletown
Brass worker.		
ALLEN, JOHN	d. 1749	Waterbury
Brass worker.		
ALSOP & SAVAGE	Working 1864	Middletown
Makers of firearms.		
ASHTON, PETER H.	Working 1864	Middletown
Manufacturer of gun barrels.		
BACON MANUFACTURING CO.	Working 1864	Norwich
Makers of firearms.		
BENEDICT, A.	Working 1823-34	Waterbury
Maker of brass, copper, silver and plated ware.		



EARLY HAND-WROUGHT IRON CAKE TURNER AND PIPE TONGS

Made in Connecticut

BENEDICT & BURNHAM	Working 1834-42	Waterbury
Makers of brass, copper, silver and plated ware.		
BENEDICT & BURNHAM MFG. Co.	Working 1842-64	Waterbury
Makers of brass, copper, silver and plated ware.		
BENEDICT & Co.	Working 1829-34	Waterbury
Makers of brass, copper, silver and plated ware.		
BUEL, ABEL	b. 1742, d. 1825	New Haven
Brass, iron and steel worker.		
CHESEBOROUGH, WILLIAM	Working about 1650	Stonington
Blacksmith.		
COE, ISRAEL	Working 1834	Wolcottville and Torrington
Began the making of hammered brass kettles in that year.		
COLT, SAMUEL	Working 1836-50	Whitneyville and Hartford
Invented and patented the revolving cylinder for firearms in 1836.		
DEAN, JAMES	Working 1676	Stonington
Blacksmith.		
DEAN, JAMES, JR.	Working 1700	Stonington
Blacksmith.		
DODGE, EZRA	b. 1766, d. 1798	New London
Brass founder and gunsmith.		
DOOLITTLE, ENOS	Working 1799	Hartford
Brass founder.		
WELTON, LIEUT. ARD	Working 1775	Waterbury
Gun maker.		
WHITNEY, ELI	Working 1798	New Haven
Gun maker. Better known as the inventor of the cotton gin.		
WHITTIER, JOHN	Working about 1757	Fairfield
Bell founder.		
WILCOX, CYPRIAN	b. 1795, d. 1875	New Haven
WINTHROP, JOHN	Working 1649	Montville
Iron smelter.		

MINIATURE PAINTERS

Although Connecticut's painters of portraits in miniature are numerous and several of them not without distinction, none of the greatest American practitioners of the art are numbered among them except Trumbull. Of the others, Tisdale and Anson Dickinson are probably the most proficient. Ellsworth and Emmons, who were self taught, both succeeded in evolving a very individual type of miniature, based upon the popular "silhouette," and were perhaps the most esteemed miniaturists of their time in the state. They travelled widely and worked in many towns and cities far separated.

ALLEN, JOEL	b. 1755, d. 1825	Southington
CUSHMAN, GEORGE HEWITT	b. 1814, d. 1876	Windham
DICKINSON, ANSON	b. 1780, d. 1852	Milton
DICKINSON, DANIEL	b. 1795, d. after 1840	Litchfield
EARL, RALPH	b. 1751, d. 1801	New Milford and Bolton
ELDRIDGE, C. W.	b. 1811, d. after 1881	New London
ELLSWORTH, JAMES SANFORD	b. 1802, d. 1873-4	Windsor and Norwich
His miniatures are almost invariably painted on thin paper.		
EMMONS, ALEXANDER H.	b. 1816, d. after 1879	Norwich
Painted many miniatures on cardboard.		
FAIRCHILD, LOUIS	b. 1800, d. after 1840	Farmington
FREEMAN, GEORGE	b. 1787, d. 1868	Hartford
HALL, ANN	b. 1792, d. 1863	Pomfret
HOLT, SAMUEL	b. 1801, d. after 1879	Meriden
JOCelyn, NATHANIEL	b. 1796, d. 1881	New Haven
LORD, PHOEBE GRIFFIN	b. 1797, d. 1875	Lyme

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| MUNGER, CAROLINE | b. 1808, d. 1892 | Guilford and Madison |
| MUNGER, GEORGE | b. 1781, d. 1825 | Guilford and
New Haven |
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| PARKER, THOMAS H. | b. 1801 | |
| Worked for a number of years in Connecticut with C. W. Eldridge. | | |
| SANFORD, ISAAC | Working 1783 to 1822 | Hartford |
| SHUMWAY, HENRY COLTON | b. 1807, d. 1884 | Middletown |
| TISDALE, ELKANAH | b. about 1771, d. after 1834 | Lebanon |
| TRUMBULL, JOHN | b. 1756, d. 1843 | Lebanon and
New Haven |
| His miniatures are practically all painted on wood. | | |



PORTRAIT MINIATURE OF MRS. JENNIE POST

By James Sanford Ellsworth

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTSMEN

ALLING, EBENEZER	Working about 1850	New Haven
Advertised as "Saddle, Harness, Trunk and Cap-Maker, Chapel Street."		
GRISWOLD, MATTHEW	Working 17th century	Lyme
Mason and stone cutter.		
HART, FERD. A.	Working 1864	Middletown
Manufacturer of paper boxes, and hoop-skirt trimmings.		
HAYDEN, WILLIAM	Working 1644	Windsor
Mason and stone cutter.		
KIES, MARY	Working 1809	Killingly
Weaver of straw with silk thread.		
MALTBY, MORTON & Co.	Working 1864	Waterbury
Manufacturers of ivory and pearl buttons and trimmings.		
MOULTHROP, REUBEN	Working 1780	East Haven
Wax portrait maker.		
PRYCE, NATHANIEL	Working 1661	New London
Mason and stone cutter.		

PAINTERS OF SHIP PICTURES

As the painters of the now eagerly sought after pictures of our early sailing vessels very seldom signed their canvases, I consider myself fortunate indeed to be able to note three, at least, of these artists.

HUGE, I. F.	Working in 1845	Bridgeport
JEWETT, FREDERIC STILES	b. 1819, d. 1864	Hartford
STANCLIFF, J. W.	b. 1814, d. after 1879	Hartford

PEWTERERS

The best of the native pewter was made by the Danforths and the Boardmans, and though it hardly compares favorably with that of Calder and Hamlin of Rhode Island for instance, it is of sufficient merit to warrant prominence in any display of American pieces. The Wards and Porters and Fuller & Smith also made some creditable pieces, mostly tea and coffee pots, candlesticks and lamps.

BOARDMAN, J. D.	Working 1828	Hartford
BOARDMAN, HENRY S.	Working 1841	Hartford
BOARDMAN, SHERMAN	Working 1828	Hartford
BOARDMAN, THOMAS D.	Working early 19th century	Hartford
BROADHEAD, GURNEY & Co.		
BROOKS, DAVID S.	Working 1828	Hartford
DANFORTH, EDWARD		Hartford(?)
DANFORTH, SAMUEL	Working early 19th century	Hartford
DANFORTH, THOMAS	b. 1708, d. about 1786	Norwich
DANFORTH, THOMAS	b. 1792, d. 1836	Rocky Hill
DOLBEARE, JOHN		New Haven(?)
FULLER & SMITH	Working early 19th century	Connecticut(?)
GRAVES, HENRY	Working 1849	Middletown
GRILLEY, HENRY	Working 1790	Waterbury
HALL, FRANKLIN	Working 1840	Hartford
HOUSE, EDWIN	Working 1841	Hartford
JAGGER, DANIEL H.	Working 1844	Hartford
JAGGER, JAMES M.	Working 1843	Hartford
JAGGER, WALTER W.	Working 1839	Hartford

MANNING, THADDEUS	Working 1849	Middletown
MATON, MARCUS	Working 1828	Hartford
MOORE, S.	Working about 1820-30	Kensington
PORTER, A.		Southington
PORTER, F.	Working early 19th century	Westbrook
SAVAGE	Working early 19th century	Middletown
WARD, JAMES	Working 1795	Hartford
WARD, H. B.	Working early 19th century	Guilford
WARD, H. B. & Co.	Working early 19th century	Guilford
YALE, SAMUEL	Working 1794	Meriden
YALE, H. & Co.		Wallingford
YALE, W. & S.		Wallingford

PORTRAIT PAINTERS IN OILS

John Trumbull, Nathaniel Jocelyn, Francis Alexander and Ralph Earl were the best of the native portrait painters in oils and were all facile artists producing a creditable numbers of canvases, many of them of real distinction. Among their contemporaries several have not a few fine examples to their credit, especially Waldo and Jewett, Curtis, Catlin and Charles Loring Elliott.

ALEXANDER, FRANCIS	b. 1800, d. 1881	
ALLEN, LUTHER	b. 1780, d. 1821	
BAKER, GEORGE AUGUSTUS	b. 1821, d. 1880	Working in Darien 1866-79
BALDWIN, GEORGE	b. about 1819, d. after 1879	Thompson and Mansfield Center
BANNING, WILLIAM J.	b. 1810, d. 1856	
BOTTUME, GEORGE F.	b. 1828, d. after 1879	Norwich
BRYANT, HENRY	b. 1812, d. after 1879	Hartford
CANDEE, GEORGE EDWARD	b. 1838	New Haven
CATLIN, GEORGE	b. 1793, d. 1872	Litchfield and Hartford
CHANDLER, WINTHROP	b. 1747, d. 1790	Woodstock and Thompson
COLES, JOHN	b. 1780	Hartford
Generally his portraits are on panel and measure about 22 x 27 inches. They have lead colored backgrounds.		
CUMMINGS, THOMAS SIER	b. 1804, d. 1894	Working 1866-89 Mansfield Centre
CURTIS, CALVIN	b. 1822, d. after 1879	Waterbury and Bridgeport

DICKINSON, OLIVER, JR.	b. 1757, d. 1847	Milton
The father of Anson and Daniel Dickinson, miniature painters.		
DURRIE, JOHN	b. 1818, d. after 1879	New Haven
EARL, RALPH	b. 1751, d. 1801	Working 1796 in Litchfield
ELLIOTT, BENJAMIN F.	b. 1829, d. 1870	Middletown and Hartford
ELLIOTT, CHARLES LORING	b. 1812, d. 1868	Working in Hartford in 1865
EMMONS, ALEXANDER H.	b. 1816, d. after 1879	Norwich
FAIRMAN, GIDEON	b. 1774, d. 1827	Hartford
FANNING, SOLOMON	b. 1807, d. after 1879	Norwich
FISHER, ALVIN	b. 1792, d. 1863	Hartford
FLAGG, GEORGE W.	b. 1817, d. 1897	New Haven
FLAGG, JARED BRADLEY	b. 1820, d. 1899	Hartford and from 1870-1873 New Haven
HEWINS, PHILIP	b. 1806, d. 1850	Working 1834-50 in Hartford
HOLT, SAMUEL	b. 1801, d. after 1879	Hartford
HOTCHKISS, WALES	b. 1826, d. after 1879	New Haven
ISHAM, RALPH	b. about 1820	Hartford
JEWETT, WILLIAM	b. 1795	Pupil and partner of Samuel Waldo
JEWETT, WILLIAM S.		
JOCELYN, NATHANIEL	b. 1796, d. 1881	New Haven
JOHNSON, HORACE C.	b. 1824, d. after 1879	Hartford and Waterbury
JONES, S. K.	b. 1825, d. after 1879	New Haven
KIMBERLEY, DENNISON	b. 1814, d. after 1862	Guilford
KOHNER, WILLIAM	b. 1816, d. 1876	Hartford and Warehousepoint



WILLIAM ROGERS

By John Trumbull

KESSLER, OTTO	b. 1837, d. after 1879	Working in Hartford in 1863-5
LYMAN, SYLVESTER S.	b. 1813, d. after 1879	Hartford
MITCHELL, JOHN	b. 1811, d. 1866	Hartford and New London
MORSE, SAMUEL FINLEY BREESE	b. 1791, d. 1872	
MOULTHROP, REUBEN	b. 1763, d. 1814	East Haven
MUNSON, LUCIUS	b. 1796, d. 1823	New Haven
OSGOOD, S. S.	b. 1798, d. about 1885	Hartford
PLACKETT, EBENEZER	b. 1844, d. after 1879	New Milford
PRIMUS, NELSON A.	b. 1843, d. after 1879	Hartford
ROSSITER, THOMAS PRICHARD	b. 1818, d. 1871	New Haven
SHEFFIELD, ISAAC	b. 1798, d. 1845	New London
Painted many sea captains, telescope in hand against red curtains, early in the 19th century.		
SMITH, ESTHER		Hartford
STEWART, REV. JOSEPH	b. 1750, d. after 1800	New Haven
STONE, WILLIAM OLIVER	b. 1830, d. 1875	New Haven
STORY, GEORGE H.	b. 1835	New Haven
THOMPSON, HENRY IVES	b. 1840, d. after 1879	New Haven
TRUMBULL, JOHN	b. 1756, d. 1843	Hartford and New Haven
WALDO, SAMUEL	b. 1783, d. 1861	Litchfield and Hartford
The pictures done in partnership by Waldo and Jewett are generally signed with both names.		
WHEELER, W. R.	b. 1832, d. after 1893	Hartford

WILSON, MATTHEW b. 1814, d. 1892 Working in Hartford
in 1861-3

Painted life size heads in pastel and crayon.

WRIGHT, GEORGE b. 1828, d. after 1879 Hartford

WUNDER, ADALBERT b. 1827, d. after 1879 Worked in Hart-
ford during 1855-1869

WHITE, EDWIN b. 1817 Working 1835-1840 in Bridgeport
and Norwalk



KISSING MIRROR

Eastern Connecticut. 18th Century

POTTERS

In the early nineteenth century the making of pottery in the state was well established in widely separated districts. Some of the surviving pieces are remarkably fine in form and very beautiful in finish, a fine glaze adding interest and value to many.

ANDREWS, C. S.	Working 19th century	Danbury
BROCK, HERVEY	Working 18th century	Litchfield
BUGBEE, THOMAS	Working 1793	Quasset
CROSS, PETER	Working 1805	Hartford
DUNTZE, J.		New Haven
GOODALE, B.		Hartford
GOODALE, DANIEL	Working 1818-1830	Hartford
GOODWIN, HORACE & Mc CLOUD WEBSTER		
	Working 1810-1850	Hartford
GOODWIN, T. O.		Hartford
NORTON, CAPT. JOHN	Working early 19th century	Goshen
Founded later the famous Bennington Pottery.		
PEWTRESS, S. L.		New Haven
PIERCE, JOHN	Working 1753	Litchfield
POTTS, C. & SON	Working 1796	"Bean Hill," Norwich
RISLEY, SIDNEY	b. 1814, d. 1875 Working 1846-1857	Norwich
SEYMOUR, NATHANIEL	Working 1790-1825	Hartford
SMITH & DAY	Working late 19th century	Norwalk
SOUTER, JOHN	Working 1790-1808	Hartford
STATES, ADAM	Working 1796	Stonington
STATES, ADAM, JR.	Working 1804	Stonington
STATES, JOSEPH	Working 1804	Stonington

STEDMAN & SEYMOUR

WADHAMS, JESSE Working 18th century

WEBSTER & SON Working 1850-1857

WHEELER, L. W. Working about 1850

WOOD, CAPT. ENOCH Working 1856-1865

New Haven

Litchfield

Hartford

Norwalk

Norwalk

PRINTERS

The first printer in colonial Connecticut was Thomas Short, who was working in New London in 1710, forty-five years or more prior to the Parkers of New Haven who issued the first Connecticut newspaper in 1755. By the beginning of 1775, there were four newspapers in the state, at New London, New Haven, Hartford and Norwich; in 1810 they had increased in number to seven. The only early woman printer I can find was Hannah Watson of Hartford (probably the widow of Eben Watson) who was working in 1777. Amos Doolittle, the engraver, whose eighteenth century map of the state every collector should own, was twice actively engaged in printing; in 1783, with Simon Jocelin and in 1786, with Daniel Read, both of New Haven.

BABCOCK, ELISHA	Working 1785-1800	Hartford
BABCOCK, JOHN	Working 1793-1824	Hartford
BALDWIN & TREADWAY	Working 1829	New Haven
BARLOW & BABCOCK	Working 1784-5	Hartford
BEACH, LAZARUS	Working 1798-1800	Newfield and Bridgeport
BEACH & JONES	Working 1795	Newfield
BEACH & STORRS	Working 1794	Hartford
BOWEN, DANIEL	Working 1786-7	New Haven
BUNCE, GEORGE	Working 1797	New Haven
BUNCE & SPENCER	Working 1797	New Haven
BUSHNELL, EBENEZER	Working 1791	Norwich
BUSHNELL & HUBBARD	Working 1793	Norwich
BYRNE, JOHN	Working 1796-1800	Windham
CLARK, E. & H.	Working 1825	Middletown
COLLIER, THOMAS	Working 1787-1799	Litchfield

COLLIER & BUEL	Working 1791(?) - 1795	Litchfield
COLLIER & COPP	Working 1784-5	Litchfield
DOOLITTLE, A. & DANIEL READ	Working 1786	New Haven
DOUGLAS, NATHAN	Working 1793	Ridgefield
DOUGLAS & NICHOLS	Working 1797-1799	Danbury
DOUGLAS, NATHAN & EDWARDS ELY	Working 1790-2	Danbury
DUNNING, TERTIUS	Working 1798-1800	Middletown
DUNNING, T. & J. B.	Working about 1805	Middletown
ELY, E.		Danbury
ELY & NICHOLS	Working 1796	Danbury
FARNSWORTH, HAVILA & OLIVER	Working 1797	Suffield
FORGUE & BULKELEY	Working 1789	Fairfield
GLEASON, PETER B. & Co.	Working 1816	Hartford
GRAY, EDWARD	Working 1799-1800	Suffield
GRAY, JOHN C.	Working 1800	Danbury
GREEN, JOHN	Working 1757	New London
GREEN, SAMUEL	Working 1766	New Haven
GREEN, SAMUEL	Working 1767-1820	New London
GREEN, NATH'L & TIMOTHY, JR.	Working 1758(?)	New London
GREEN, TIMOTHY	Working 1713-1792	New London
GREEN, T. & S.	Working 1767-1800	New Haven
GREEN, T. & SON	Working 1787-1801	New Haven
GREEN, THOMAS	Working 1764-1767	Hartford
GREEN & SPOONER	Working 1773-1778	Norwich
GREEN & WATSON	Working 1769	Hartford
HOLT, CHARLES	Working 1798	New London

HOPKINS, E.	Working 1800	Sharon
HUBBARD, THOMAS	Working 1794-1800	Norwich
HUBBARD, THOMAS & SON	Working 1807	Norwich
HUDSON & GOODWIN	Working 1780-1812	Hartford
JOCELIN, SIMEON	Working 1788	New Haven
JOCELIN, SIMEON & AMOS DOOLITTLE	Working 1783	New Haven
LAW, WILLIAM	Working 1792	Cheshire
LINCOLN & GLEASON	Working 1803	Hartford
MANSFIELD, JARED	Working 1802	New Haven
MECOM, BENJAMIN	Working 1764-1767	New Haven
MEIGS, JOSIAH	Working 1787-1789	New Haven
MEIGS, BOWEN & DANA	Working 1784	New Haven
MEIGS & DANA	Working 1787	New Haven
MILLER & FORGUE	Working 1787	Fairfield
MORSE, ABEL	Working 1789-1793	New Haven
NICHOLS, STILES	Working 1800	Danbury
NICHOLS & PRICE	Working 1819	Norwalk
O'BRIEN, EDWARD	Working 1797	New Haven
PARKER, JACOBUS	Working 1755-9	New Haven
PARKER, JAMES	Working 1755-1757	New Haven
PARKER, JAMES & Co.	Working 1755-1762	New Haven
Issued the first newspaper in the colony, The Connecticut Gazette, Jan. 1st, 1755.		
PATTEN, NATHANIEL	Working 1777-1800	Hartford
PRATT, LUTHER	Working 1799-1800	East Windsor
READ & MORSE	Working 1800	New Haven
ROBERTS & BURR	Working 1822	Hartford

ROBERTSONS & TRUMBULL	Working 1773	Norwich
Alexander and James Robertson and John Trumbull.		
RUSSELL, JOHN, JR.	Working 1813	Hartford
SEABURY, SAMUEL	Working 1824	Stonington
SHERMAN, M.	Working 1828	Bridgeport
SHERMAN, ROGER & B. MECOM	Working 1765	New Haven
SHORT, THOMAS	Working 1710	New London
SPENCER, FREDERICK	Working 1814	Middletown
SPOONER, J. P.	Working 1774	Norwich
SPRINGER, JAMES	Working 1795-1800	New London
STEELE, O. & Co.	Working 1810	
STERRY, JOHN	Working 1799	Norwich
STERRY, JOHN & Co.	Working 1795-6	Norwich
STORER, WILLIAM, JR.	Working 1824	Stonington
TIEBOUT & O'BRIEN	Working 1796	New Haven
TRUMBULL, JOHN	Working 1776-1798	Norwich
TRUMBULL, SAMUEL	Working 1798-1802	Stonington
TRUMBULL, JOHN & J. STERRY	Working 1794	Norwich
WALTER & STEELE	Working 1812	New Haven
WASHBURN, EDWARD & EPHRIAM	Working 1795	Danbury
WATSON, EBEN	Working 1771-1777	Hartford
WATSON, HANNAH	Working 1777	Hartford
WATSON & GOODWIN	Working 1778	Hartford
WEBB, SAMUEL	Working 1813	Windham
WEBSTER, BAVIL	Working 1780-3	Hartford
WODWARD, MOSES H.	Working 1793	Middletown
WOODWARD, T. G.	Working 1818	New Haven
WOODWARD & GREEN	Working 1785	Middletown

SCULPTORS

AKERS, BENJAMIN PAUL	b. 1825, d. 1861	Norwich 1835
AKERS, CHARLES	b. 1836, d. after 1879	Waterbury 1860, 1869, 1875
AUGUR, HEZEKIAH	b. 1791, d. 1858	New Haven
BARTHOLOMEW, EDWARD SHEFFIELD	b. 1822, d. 1858	Hartford
BARTLETT, TRUMAN HOWE	b. 1836, d. after 1879	Waterbury 1862, New Haven 1863-7
IVES, CHAUNCY B.	b. 1812, d. after 1879	New Haven
WARNER, OLIN LEVI	b. 1844, d. 1896	Born in Suffield



SAMPLER BY BETSEY MERRIMAN
 of Hamden, Conn.

(Worked at the age of nine, in 1796)

Property of Burton Mansfield, Esq., New Haven

SHIP BUILDERS

COIT, JOHN	Working 1660-66	New London
ELDERKIN, JOHN	Working 1661	New London
HAYDON, URIAH	Working 1775	Essex
JEFFREY, JOHN	Working 1723-33	Groton
MOREY, SAMUEL	Working 1794	Hartford
MOULD, HUGH	Working 1660-78	New London
TUCKER, JOHN	Working 1720	Essex

SILHOUETTE CUTTERS

BROWN, WILLIAM HENRY	b. 1808, d. 1883	Hartford
Published his celebrated book of silhouettes called the "Portrait Gallery of Distinguished American Citizens" in Hartford in 1846.		
MELFORD, SAMUEL	Working 1842	New Haven

SILVERSMITHS

The earliest of the Connecticut silversmiths was one Job Prince of Milford, born in 1680, who died probably in 1703. I know of no properly identified example of his work. The next was a Huguenot who settled in Norwich in 1708, Rene Grignon. A two-handled cup made by him is illustrated in Curtis's "Early Silver of Connecticut." The third and fourth in point of priority were respectively, Cornelius Kierstead, a Dutchman, baptized in New York in 1675, who was working in New Haven in 1722 and John Potwine, born in Boston in 1698, who moved to Hartford about 1737. A baptismal basin and a two-handled beaker by the former and two beakers by the latter are shown in Mr. Curtis's book.

Among the foremost of the native craftsmen of a little later date, stand Miles Beach of Litchfield and Hartford, working in the latter half of the eighteenth century; Pygan Adams (1712-1776) who worked in New London; Robert Fairchild (1703-1794) working in Durham, Stratford and New Haven; John Gardner (1734-1776) who practised his calling in New London and William Ward (1705-1761) of Guilford. Examples of the work of all these men prove them to have been craftsmen of the highest order. Pieces of silver from their hands are invariably of fine proportion and exquisite workmanship.

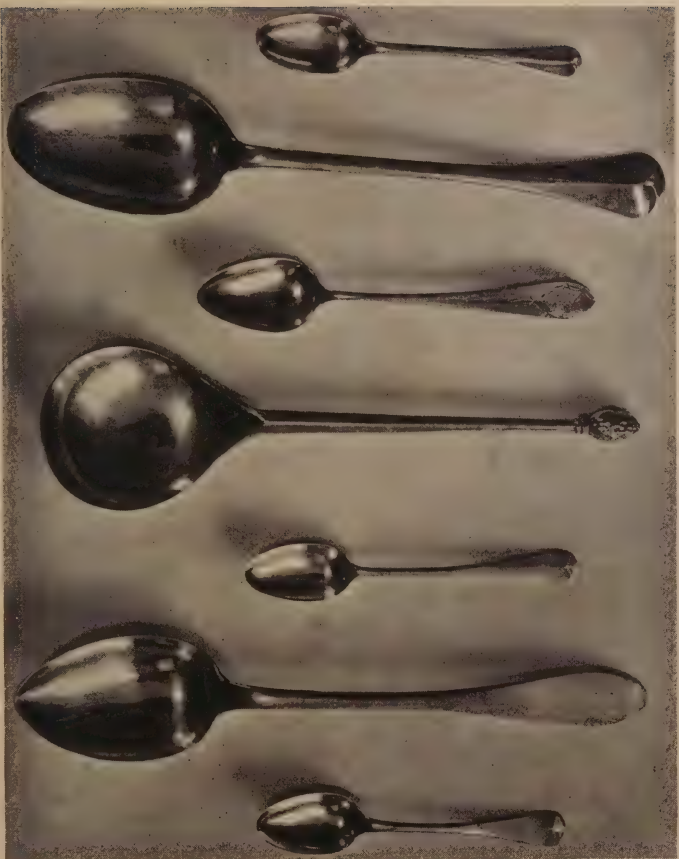
ADGATE, WILLIAM	b. 1744, d. 1779	Norwich
ADAMS, PYGAN	b. 1712, d. 1776	New London
ALLEN, JOEL	b. 1755, d. 1825	Southington and Middletown
AUSTIN, EBENEZER	b. 1733	Hartford
AVERY, JOHN	b. 1732, d. 1794	Preston
AVERY, JOHN, JR.	b. 1755, d. 1815	Preston
AVERY, ROBERT STAUNTON	b. 1771, d. 1846	Preston

AVERY, SAMUEL	b. 1760, d. 1836	Preston
AVERY, WILLIAM	b. 1765, d. 1798	Preston
BABCOCK, SAMUEL	b. 1788, d. 1857	Middletown and Saybrook
BAILEY, R. H.	Working 1810	Woodstock
BALCH, EBENEZER	b. 1723, d. 1808	Hartford and Wethersfield
BARBER, WILLIAM	Working 1843	Hartford
BARROWS, JAMES MADISON	b. 1809, d. after 1828	Tolland
BARTHOLOMEW, ROSWELL	b. 1781, d. 1830	Hartford
BEACH, ISAAC	d. about 1768	New Milford
BEACH, MILES	b. 1742, d. 1828	Litchfield and Hartford
BEECHER, CLEMENT	b. 1778, d. 1869	Berlin and Cheshire
BENJAMIN, BARZILLAI	b. 1774, d. 1844	Bridgeport and New Haven
BENJAMIN, EVERARD	b. 1807, d. 1874	New Haven
BENJAMIN, JOHN	b. 1730, d. 1796	Stratford
BENJAMIN, SAMUEL C.	b. 1801, d. 1831	New Haven
BENHAM, MORRIS	Working 1843	Hartford
BILLINGS, A.	Working 1780	Preston
BILLINGS, DANIEL	Advertised in 1795	Preston
BLACKMAN, FREDERICK STARR	b. 1811, d. 1898	Danbury
BLACKMAN, F. S. & Co.	Working 1840	Danbury
BLACKMAN, JOHN STARR	b. 1777, d. 1851	Danbury
BLACKMAN, J. C. & Co.		Bridgeport

BLACKMAN, J. C. & F. S.

BLACKMAN, JOHN CLARK	b. 1808, d. 1872	Danbury and Bridgeport
BLAKSLEE, WILLIAM	b. 1795, d. 1879	Newtown
BLAKSLEE, ZIBA	b. 1768, d. 1825	Newtown
BONTECOU, TIMOTHY	b. 1693, d. 1784	New Haven
BONTECOU, TIMOTHY, JR.	b. 1723, d. 1789	New Haven
BOTSFORD, GIDEON B.	b. 1776, d. 1866	Woodbury
BRADLEY, ANER	b. 1753, d. 1824	New Haven and Watertown
BRADLEY, PHINEAS	b. 1745, d. 1797	New Haven
BRADLEY, RICHARD	b. 1787, d. 1867	Hartford
BRADLEY AND BUNCE	Worked in Hartford	
BRADLEY, ZEBUL	b. 1780, d. 1859	New Haven
BRADLEY & MERRIMAN	Advertised in 1847	New Haven
BRADLEY, ZEBUL, & SON		
BRAINARD, CHARLES	b. 1787, d. 1850	Hartford
BREED, JOHN	b. 1752, d. 1803	Colchester
BREWER, CHARLES	b. 1778, d. 1860	Middletown
BREWER & MANN	Worked in Middletown	
BREWSTER, ABEL	b. 1775, d. after 1805	Canterbury and Norwich
BUEL, ABEL	b. 1742, d. 1825	New Haven
Established a type foundry in New Haven. Made the first authorized Connecticut copper coins. Constructed the first lapidary machine used in this country about 1766.		
BUEL, D. H. & Co.	Working 1800	Hartford
BUEL, JOHN	b. 1744, d. 1783	New Haven and Derby

BUEL, SAMUEL	Worked in Middletown and Hartford. Advertised in Middletown in 1777, and in Hartford in 1779.	
BULL, CALEB	b. 1746, d. 1797	Hartford
BULL, G. W.	Working 1840	Farmington
BULL, MARTIN	b. 1744, d. 1825	Farmington
BURDICK, WILLIAM S.	Advertised in 1814	New Haven
BURNAP, DANIEL	b. 1760, d. 1838	Coventry, Hartford and East Windsor
BURRILL, THEOPHILUS	d. 1739	New London
BUSHNELL, PHINEAS	b. 1741, d. 1836	Saybrook and Guilford
CANDEE, LEWIS BURTON	b. 1806, d. 1861	Woodbury
CANFIELD, SAMUEL	d. after 1807	Middletown
CANFIELD & FOOT	Worked in Middletown	
CARPENTER, JOSEPH	b. 1747, d. 1804	Norwich
CASE, GEORGE	Advertised in 1779	East Hartford
CHAMPLIN, JOHN	b. 1745, d. 1800	New London
CHAPIN, AARON	b. 1753, d. 1838	Hartford
CHITTENDEN, BERIAH	b. 1751, d. 1827	New Haven
CHITTENDEN, EBENEZER	b. 1726, d. 1812	Madison and New Haven
CHURCH, JOSEPH	b. 1794, d. 1876	Hartford
CLARK, JOSEPH	d. 1821	Danbury
CLARK, LEVI	b. 1801, d. 1875	Norwalk
CLARK, PETER G.	Advertised in 1810	New Haven
CLARK, WILLIAM	b. 1750, d. 1798	New Milford



EARLY CONNECTICUT SILVER SPOONS

Reading left to right: 1 (Rat-tail), By Wm. Ward of Guilford, 1705-61; 2, By John Staniford of Windham, working 1790; 3, By John Benjamin of Stratford, 1730-96; 4, By Robert Fairchild of Stratford, 1703-94; 5, By James Ward of Litchfield, 1763-89; 6, By John Gardner of New London, 1734-76; 7, By Miles Beach of Litchfield, born 1742.

CLARK & COIT	Working 1820	Norwich
CLEVELAND, B.	Working 1750	Norwich
CLEVELAND, WILLIAM	b. 1770, d. 1837	Norwich
Grandfather of President Cleveland.		
COIT, E.	Working 1810	Norwich
COIT, THOMAS CHESTER	b. 1791, d. 1841	Norwich
COIT & MANSFIELD	Worked in Norwich	
COPP, JOSEPH	Advertised in 1757	New London
CURRIER & TROTT	Working 1805	New London
CURTISS, DANIEL	b. 1801, d. 1878	Woodbury
CURTISS & CANDEE	Worked in Woodbury	
CURTISS, CANDEE & STILES	Worked in Woodbury	
CURTISS & STILES	Worked in Woodbury	
CURTIS, JOEL	b. 1786	
CURTIS, LEWIS	b. 1774, d. 1845	Farmington
CUTLER, E.	Working 1827	New Haven
CUTLER, RICHARD	b. 1736, d. 1810	New Haven
CUTLER, RICHARD, JR.	b. 1774, d. 1811	New Haven
CUTLER, RICHARD & SONS	Worked in New Haven	
CUTLER, WILLIAM	b. 1785, d. 1817	New Haven
CUTLER, SILLIMAN, WARD & Co.	Worked in New Haven	
DAGGET, HENRY	b. 1741, d. 1830	New Haven
DAVISON, BARZILLAI	b. 1740, d. 1828	Norwich
DAVISON, C.	Working 1800	Norwich
DENNIS, EBENEZER	b. 1753	Hartford
DENNIS, GEORGE, JR.	b. 1749	Norwich
DESHON, DANIEL	b. 1697, d. 1781	New London

DEXTER, MINERVA	b. 1785	Working 1810	Middletown
Connecticut's only woman silversmith.			
DICKINSON, ANSON	b. 1780, d. 1852		Milton
DODGE, EZRA	b. 1766, d. 1798		New London
DOOLITTLE, AMOS	b. 1754, d. 1832		New Haven
DOOLITTLE, ENOS	Advertised 1781-2		Hartford
DOUGLAS, ROBERT	b. 1740, d. 1776		New London
ELDERKIN, ALFRED	b. 1759, d. 1833		Windham
ELDERKIN, ELISHA	b. 1753, d. 1822		Killingworth
ELLIOTT, JOHN AARON	b. 1788, d. after 1857		Sharon
ELLSWORTH, DAVID	b. 1742, d. 1821		Windsor,
FAIRCHILD, ROBERT	b. 1703, d. 1794	Durham, Stratford and New Haven	
FAIRCHILD, JOSEPH	Working in 1824		New Haven
FITCH, ALLEN	b. 1785		New Haven
FITCH, D. M.	Working 1840		New Haven
FITCH, J.	Working 1810		New Haven
FITCH & HOBART	Working before 1813		New Haven
FOOTE, WILLIAM	b. 1772		East Haddam
FOX, ANDREW W.	Working 1843		Hartford
FRANCIS, JULIUS C.	b. 1785, d. 1862		Middletown
GALLUP, CHRISTOPHER	b. 1764, d. 1849		North Groton now Ledyard
GARDINER, JOHN	b. 1734, d. 1776		New London
Sometimes spelt his name Gardner.			
GILBERT, SAMUEL	Advertised in 1798		Hebron
GOODWIN, ALLYN	b. 1797, d. 1869		Hartford
GOODWIN, HORACE	b. 1787, d. 1864		Hartford

GOODWIN, H. & A.		Hartford
GOODWIN, RALPH	b. 1793, d. 1866	Hartford
GOODWIN & DODD	Advertised in 1812	Hartford
GORHAM, JOHN	Advertised in 1814	New Haven
GORHAM, MILES	b. 1757, d. 1847	New Haven
GORHAM, RICHARD	b. 1775, d. 1841	New Haven
GRAHAM, DANIEL	b. 1764 Advertised in 1789	West Suffield
GRAY, JOHN	b. 1684, d. 1713	New London
GREENLEAF, DAVID	b. 1737, d. 1800	Norwich
GREENLEAF, DAVID, JR.	b. 1765, d. 1835	Hartford
GREENLEAF, JOSEPH	b. 1778, d. 1798	New London
GRIGNON, RENE	b. before 1691, d. 1715	Norwich
The second silversmith in Connecticut of whom record has been found.		
GRISWOLD, GILBERT	Working late 19th century	Middletown and Portland
GRISWOLD, W.	Working 1825	Middletown
GUNN, ENOS	b. 1770	Waterbury
GURLEY, WILLIAM	b. 1764 Advertised in 1804	Norwich
HALLAM, JOHN	b. 1752, d. 1800	New London
HAMLIN, WILLIAM	b. 1772	Middletown
HANKS, BENJAMIN	b. 1738, d. 1810	Windham, Litchfield and Ashford
HARLAND, THOMAS	b. 1735, d. 1807	Norwich
HARLAND, THOMAS, JR.	b. 1781, d. 1806	Norwich
HART, ELIPHAZ	b. 1789, d. 1866	New Britain and Norwich

HART, JUDAH	b. 1777, d. 1824	Middletown and Norwich
HART AND BLISS	Working 1803-4	Middletown
HART & BREWER	Working 1800-1803	Middletown
HART & WILLCOX	Working 1805-7	Norwich
HEQUEMBOURG, CHARLES, JR.	b. 1760, d. 1851	New Haven
HUGHES, J.	Working 1798	Middletown
HUNTINGTON, ROSWELL	b. 1763 Working in 1784	Norwich
JARVIS, MUNSON	b. 1742, d. 1825	Stamford
JENNINGS, JACOB	b. 1729, d. 1817	Norwalk
JENNINGS, JACOB, JR.	b. 1779	Norwalk
JOHONNOT, WILLIAM	b. 1766, d. 1849	Middletown
HILLDRUP, THOMAS	d. 1804	Hartford
HITCHCOCK, ELIAKIM	b. 1726, d. 1788	Cheshire and New Haven
HOBART, JOSHUA		New Haven
HOLMES, ISRAEL	b. 1768, d. 1802	Greenwich and Waterbury
HOPKINS, JESSE	b. 1766	Waterbury
HOPKINS, JOHN	Working about 1770 Made plated knee and shoe buckles, buttons and other plated ware.	Waterbury
HOPKINS, JOSEPH	b. 1730, d. 1801	Waterbury
HOPKINS, STEPHEN	b. 1721, d. 1796	Waterbury
HOTCHKISS, HEZEKIAH(?)	d. 1761	New Haven
HUGHES, EDMUND	Working in 1806	Middletown
HUGHES & BLISS	Working in 1806	Middletown
HUGHES & FRANCIS	Working in 1807-9	Middletown

HUNTINGTON, PHILIP	b. 1770, d. 1825	Norwich
KEELER, A.	Working 1800	Norwalk
KEELER, JOSEPH	b. 1786, d. 1824	Norwalk
KIERSTEAD, CORNELIUS	b. 1674, d. 1753 (?)	New Haven
KING, JOSEPH	d. after 1807	Middletown
KINNEY, THOMAS	Working early 19th century	Norwich
KIPPEN, GEORGE	b. 1790, d. after 1825	Middletown and Bridgeport
KIRTLAND, JOSEPH P.	b. 1770 Advertised in 1796	Middletown
LATHROP, RUFUS	b. 1731, d. 1805	Norwich
LEWIS, ISAAC	b. 1773, d. 1860	Huntington and Ridgefield
LINDSLEY, CLARK	Working 1843	Hartford
LOUD, ASA	b. 1765, d. 1823	Hartford
MAIN, DAVID	b. 1752, d. 1843	Stonington
MANN, ALEXANDER	b. 1777	Middletown
MANSFIELD, ELISHA HYDE	b. 1795	Norwich
MARBLE, SIMEON	b. 1777, d. 1856	New Haven
MERRIMAN, MARCUS	b. 1762, d. 1850	New Haven
MERRIMAN, MARCUS, JR.	Working in 1826	New Haven
MERRIMAN, MARCUS & Co.		New Haven
MERRIMAN & BRADLEY		New Haven
MERRIMAN & TUTTLE		New Haven
MERRIMAN, REUBEN	b. 1783, d. 1866	Litchfield
MERRIMAN, SAMUEL	b. 1769, d. 1805	New Haven
MERRIMAN, SILAS	b. 1734, d. 1805	New Haven

MERROW, NATHAN	b. 1758, d. 1825	East Hartford
MOSS, ISAAC NICHOLS	b. 1760, d. 1840	Derby
MUNSON, AMOS	b. 1753, d. 1785	New Haven
MUNSON, CORNELIUS	b. 1742	Wallingford
MYGATT, COMFORT STARR	b. 1763, d. 1823	Danbury
MYGATT, DAVID	b. 1777, d. 1822	Danbury
MYGATT, ELI	b. 1742, d. 1807	Danbury
NEWBERRY, EDWIN C.	Working in 1828	Brooklyn
NORTH, W. B. & Co.	Working about 1800-1820	New Britain
NORTON, ANDREW	b. 1765, d. 1838	Goshen
NORTON, THOMAS	b. 1773, d. 1834	Farmington
NORTON, C. C.	Working 1820	East Hartford
NOYES, SAMUEL	b. 1747, d. 1781	Norwich
OAKES, FREDERICK	Working in 1814	Hartford
OAKES & SPENCER	Working in 1814	Hartford
OLMSTED, NATHANIEL	b. 1785, d. 1860	Farmington and New London
OTIS, JONATHAN	b. 1723, d. 1791	Middletown
PARMELE, JAMES	b. 1763, d. 1828	Durham
PARMELE, SAMUEL	b. 1737, d. 1803	Guilford
PEABODY, JOHN	Advertised in 1779	Enfield
PECK, TIMOTHY	b. 1765, d. 1818	Middletown and Litchfield
PITKIN, JOHN O.	b. 1803, d. 1891	East Hartford
PITKIN, WALTER	b. 1808, d. 1885	East Hartford
POST, SAMUEL	b. 1736	New London
Advertised in 1783-4		

POTWINE, JOHN	b. 1698, d. 1792	Hartford, East Windsor and Coventry
PRATT, NATHAN	b. 1772, d. 1842	Essex
PRATT, NATHAN, JR.	b. 1802	Essex
PRATT, PHINEAS	b. 1747, d. 1813	Westbrook and Lyme
PRATT, SETH	b. 1741, d. 1802	Lyme
PRINCE, JOB	b. about 1680(?) d. about 1703(?)	Milford
The first Connecticut silversmith of whom we have record.		
QUINTARD, PETER	b. 1699, d. 1762	Norwalk
REED, ISAAC	b. 1746	Stamford
REED, I. & SON	Working 1810	Stamford
ROATH, ROSWELL WALSTEN	b. 1805	Norwich
ROBERTS, L. D.	Working 1843	Hartford
ROCKWELL, THOMAS	d. 1795	Norwalk
ROGERS, ASA	Working 1843	Hartford
ROGERS, JOSEPH	d. 1825	Hartford
ROGERS, WILLIAM	b. 1801, d. 1873	Hartford
RUSSELL, JONATHAN	b. 1770	Ashford
SADD, HERVEY	b. 1776, d. 1840	New Hartford
SANFORD, ISAAC	Advertised in 1785	Hartford
SARGEANT, JACOB	b. 1761, d. 1843	Mansfield and Hartford
SHERMAN, EDWARD	Working 1843	Hartford
SHETHAR, SAMUEL	Working 1801-06	Litchfield and New Haven
SHETHAR & GORHAM	Working 1806	New Haven
SHETHAR & THOMPSON	Working 1801	Litchfield

SHIPMAN, NATHANIEL	b. 1764, d. 1853	Norwich
SIBLEY, CLARK	b. 1778, d. 1808	New Haven
SIBLEY & MARBLE	Working 1801-06	New Haven
SILLIMAN, HEZEKIAH	b. 1738	New Haven
SKINNER, ELIZER	d. 1858	Hartford
Advertised in 1826		
SMITH, EBENEZER	Working late 18th century	Brookfield
SPENCER, GEORGE	b. 1787, d. 1878	Essex
SPENCER, JAMES, JR.	Working 1843	Hartford
STANIFORD, JOHN	Working in 1793	Windham
STANTON, DANIEL	b. 1755, d. 1781	Stonington
STANTON, ENOCH	b. 1745, d. 1781	Stonington
STANTON, ZEBULON	b. 1753, d. 1828	Stonington
STILES, BENJAMIN	Working about 1830	Woodbury
STILLMAN, SAMUEL S.	Working 1850	Hartford
SUTTON, ROBERT	Working early 19th century	New Haven
TERRY, GEER	b. 1775, d. 1858	Enfield
TERRY, L. B.	Working 1810	Enfield
TERRY, W.	Working 1780	Enfield
THOMSON, ISAAC	Working 1801-05	Litchfield
TILEY, JAMES	b. 1740, d. 1792	Hartford
TOMPKINS, EDMUND	b. 1757	Waterbury
Advertised in 1779		
TRACY, ERASTUS	b. 1768, d. 1795	Norwich and New London
TRACY, GURDON	b. 1767, d. 1792	New London
TROTT, JOHN PROCTOR	b. 1769, d. 1852	New London

TROTT, JONATHAN	b. 1730, d. 1815	Norwich and New London
TROTT, JONATHAN, JR.	b. 1771, d. 1813	New London
TROTT, JONATHAN P. & SON	Working 1800	New London
TROTT & BROOKS	Advertised in 1798	New London
TROTT & CLEVELAND	Advertised in 1792	New London
TUTTLE, BETHUEL	b. 1779, d. 1813	New Haven
TUTTLE, WILLIAM	b. 1800, d. 1849	New Haven and Suffield
UFFORD & BURDICK	Advertised in 1814	New Haven
WALWORTH, DANIEL	b. 1760, d. 1830	Middletown
WARD, AMBROSE	b. 1735, d. 1808	New Haven
WARD, BILLIOUS	b. 1729, d. 1777	Guilford
WARD, JAMES	b. 1768, d. 1856	Hartford
WARD & BARTHOLOMEW	Working 1804-09	Hartford
WARD, BARTHOLOMEW & BRAINARD	Working 1809-30	Hartford
WARD, JOHN	Advertised 1805	Middletown
WARD & HUGHES	Dissolved in 1806	
WARD, TIMOTHY	b. 1742, d. 1768	Middletown
WARD, WILLIAM	b. 1736, d. 1826	Litchfield
WARD, WILLIAM	b. 1705, d. 1761	Guilford
WARDIN, DANIEL	Advertised in 1811	Bridgeport
WELLES, ANDREW	b. 1783, d. 1860	Hebron
WELLES, L. T.	Working about 1815	Hartford
WELLES, L. T. & Co.	Working about 1820	Hartford
WELLS, WILLIAM	b. 1766	Hartford

WHITE, AMOS	b. 1745, d. 1825	East Haddam and Meriden
WHITE, PEREGRINE	b. 1747, d. 1834	Woodstock
WHITE, PETER	b. 1718, d. 1803	Norwalk
WHITING, B.	Working 1749	Norwich
WHITING, CHARLES	b. 1725, d. 1865	Norwich
WILLCOX, ALVAN	b. 1783, d. 1865	Norwich and New Haven
WILLCOX, CYPRIAN	b. 1795, d. 1875	New Haven
WILLIAMS, DEODAT	d. 1781	Hartford
WILLIAMS, OLIVER S.	Working 1843	Hartford
WILMOT, SAMUEL	b. 1777, d. 1846 Advertised in 1808	New Haven
WILMOT & STILLMAN		New Haven
WOODWARD, ANTIPAS	b. 1763	Middletown
YEOMANS, ELIJAH	b. 1738, d. 1794	Hartford
YOUNG, EBENEZER	Advertised in 1778-80	Hebron
YOUNG, LEVI	Advertised in 1827	Bridgeport

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